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EFFECT TO BEGIN DRILLING WITHIN NEXT THIRTY DAYS

D. H. Gustavson, president of the Gustavson Oil company operating in Diamond Fork Canyon, reports that part of the shipment of drilling material which he recently purchased in California for the company has been received and will be delivered onto the company's property immediately. The balance of the shipment, which includes the rig itself, is expected in about a week.

"Within the next thirty days," reports Gustavson, "I expect three companies to be drilling in Diamond Fork Canyon. Besides our own are the Utah Consolidated Oil company and a large oil syndicate operating in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and California. They have engaged me as their consulting engineer, and while in California I assisted them in purchasing a complete drilling outfit, which is now being shipped to Utah."

PLEASED WITH CALIFORNIA.

Claude A. Bryner writes The Sun from San Francisco, Calif., under recent date, renewing subscription to this great family newspaper for another year. "Although we are now just about native sons, we scan over with much interest events at home," he says. "We have enjoyed a fine summer here all this winter. San Francisco has had two waves of the influenza epidemic with a total of more than three thousand deaths. The guaze mask was the only successful method of combatting it. Sudden drops in its virulence were noticed both times the ordinance was enforced. We're having some labor troubles, but these will soon, I believe, be adjusted. Prosperous times are in store for the near future, judging by the way they're planning here. We need a navy yard and then a merchant marine. They're using crude oil on the vessels in and out of here, thus eliminating a bulky cargo of coal." The Bryners are located at 644 Elizabeth street, San Francisco, Calif.

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E. A. GREENWOOD QUIT DENVER AND RIO GRANDE

UTAH FUEL COMPANY TO HAVE ALL HIS TIME.

Ira H. Lewis Becomes the Assistant Treasurer and Paymaster With Headquarters At Salt Lake City—California Capital Going In Heavily In Grand County Coal Proposition.

E. A. Greenwood, for many years cashier and assistant secretary of the Denver and Rio Grande in Utah, has resigned from the railroad's service and in the future will devote his entire time to the duties of his position as assistant treasurer of the Utah Fuel company and secretary and treasurer of the Wasatch Store company. This was the announcement made Saturday last from the general offices of the Utah Fuel company at Salt Lake City.

Ira H. Lewis, who has been the assistant cashier of the Denver and Rio Grande, becomes cashier for the road in Utah and will move into offices now being fitted out in the Denver and Rio Grande passenger depot from the Judge building at Zion. Greenwood, as an officer of the Utah Fuel company and Wasatch Store company, will retain his old office rooms in the Judge building, the entire top floor of which is occupied by Utah Fuel interests. These changes will become effective February 15th, tomorrow.

The railroad company's surrender of its former stock equity in the Utah Fuel company last summer made no change whatever in the fuel company's former independent management, and the announcement that Greenwood will now entirely sever his connection with the railroad and hereafter act exclusively as an officer of the Utah Fuel company is simply in line with its general policy to be free from any connection with any railroad.

EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS ARE PLANNED BY COAL COMPANY

It is reported that D. F. Densel and U. H. Clark, who own a group of coal mines in Thompsons Canyon, have organized a strong company to finance the proposition, and that development operations on a large scale will soon be started. G. M. Boles and E. S. Granger of Provo, Calif., who visited the property a few days ago and conferred with Densel and Clark, are understood to be interested in the project, and will assist in organizing a strong company, says Moab's Times.

The plans of the company are reported to contemplate the erection of a tipple at Thompsons, the intention being to haul the coal from the mine direct to the Denver and Rio Grande for sorting and loading onto cars. It is proposed also to erect a large number of houses at Thompsons for the employees of the company, a tentative estimate being that forty of these houses will be built.

Although no announcement has been made by the promoters of the company, it is stated that the organization will soon be ready for business. Present plans are carried out on another extensive enterprise will be added to the county's rapidly growing industries. The new coal company will be a big factor in the growth of Thompsons, it being estimated that this thriving community will house a population of several hundred people.

D. F. Densel and U. H. Clark, the owners of the coal mines, accompanied Boles and Granger to Salt Lake City, where it is understood arrangements were completed for organization.

COLORADO COAL MINES HAVE RECORDED OUTPUT

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 10.—Colorado coal mines in 1918 produced 12,648,403 tons, £33,000 more than in the previous year, according to the annual report of James Bullyup, state coal mine inspector. This is the greatest coal output in the history of Colorado coal mining, though the output for last December was the smallest for any month in many years.

The fact that the Denver and Salt Lake railroad, the only rail outlet for the mines of Routt county, was closed and that signing of the armistice lessened the fuel demand, are given as the reason for the small December output.

Increased coal production in nine of the twenty coal producing counties more than offset the decrease in the others. Huerfano county alone showed an increased production for the year of 243,758 tons.

The December production was 806,785 tons.

HAYES CHOSEN PRESIDENT OF UNITED MINE WORKERS

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 8.—Results of the election of officers of the United Mine Workers of America was announced officially yesterday at international headquarters. Frank J. Hayes was elected president, his vote being 114,355, while his opponent, John H. Walker of Overville, Ills., received 88,507 votes. John L. Lewis, Springfield, Ills., was chosen vice president, and William Green, Coshocton, O., secretary. The delegates to the American Fed-

eration of Labor will be Frank J. Hayes, William Green, John L. Lewis, John H. Walker, John P. White, former president of the mine workers; Frank Farrington, Streator, Ills.; John Mitchell, Spring Valley, Ills., and John Moore, Columbus, O.

The terms of the officers elected will begin April 1st, next, and run for two years.

MINERS GETTING BUSY.

Several Utah retail coal dealers will promote legislation to protect the dealers from loss of coal while it is in transit, according to resolutions adopted by the Salt Lake Coal Dealers' Association at a meeting held last Wednesday at Zion. Under the present state law the retail coal dealer must accept the weight of a car of coal as it leaves the mines. During the winter the association weighed a hundred and eighty cars of coal which were received by Salt Lake City dealers. The difference between the weights in Salt Lake City and the weights at the mines averaged six hundred pounds a car. In several cases, eight tons of coal had been lost or stolen before the cars reached destination. "Coal dealers are the only business men in the state who are unprotected on such matters," says an official of the association. "If a railroad accepts a shipment of any other merchandise that shipment must be delivered to the purchaser without loss. The coal man has not such protection, and of course the public suffers."

REDUCTION OF WAGES.

United States Smelting, Refining and Mining company, parent of the United States Fuel operating companies in the Carbon county district, last Monday posted a cut-in wages at the smelter at Midvale. All hands reigned at work, accepting the cut, which is sixty-five cents a basic day for skilled and fifty-five cents for unskilled labor. The wages formerly paid by the company were six dollars a day for skilled labor and \$3.80 for unskilled. The new wages are \$5.35 and \$3.25. The explanation of the change is the lowering market price of metals, especially copper.

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COMBATING SMOKE EVIL.

Joining in an effort to eliminate the smoke nuisance, in which the thousands of chimneys in Salt Lake City day and night contribute, the Carbon Fuel company and the Wasatch Coal company announce that they have established a combustion engineering department to be in charge of O. W. Ott, mechanical and combustion engineer. J. E. Lettin, an expert fireman, will assist Ott in solving the problem. The services of the newly created department will be free to local users of Salt Lake City, and at the same time the scheme for dissipating the precipitation of carbon will be used by the Carbon Fuel company and the Wasatch Coal company in operating their heating and power plants more efficiently. The plan of smoke elimination is said to be applicable to all kinds of furnaces and boilers, regardless of the character of the stokers used.

ENGLISH MINERS REJECT.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The conference of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain at a meeting at Southport today decided against acceptance of the terms offered by the government for a settlement of the demands made by the federation. The decision of the miners' federation conference will, if followed by a strike, which seems likely with the miners in their present mood, create an extremely serious industrial situation, as the coal shortage is already embarrassing.

AROUND THE LOCAL CAMPS: PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE

Most of the Spring Canyon mines are getting in six days a week.

Considerable development of coal lands in the Uintah Basin is talked of for the near future.

Kenibworth is marketing some coal at Price that is sold to local men by wagon and team.

Seaford Coal company is going right along with about eight hundred tons production daily at this time.

E. Cantsila, Sr., was in Price Monday evening from Hawaikia. That camp and the others of United States Fuel company are working four and five days weekly.

Utah Fuel company officials are confident of being able to give its miners five days work weekly all through the summer. It is anticipated most of the other local companies will work at least four days.

J. D. Kenworthy, formerly assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Denver and Rio Grande at Zion and latterly supervisor of coal distribution in the state due to the reduced railway administration, left last Friday for Denver, Colo., where he is to be assistant general freight agent of the company.

Germany has coal fields in Westphalia and Alsace-Lorraine which will equal those of Great Britain by area or five hundred years. She has begun the exhaustion of British, Belgian and French fields. The fuel supply of the British Isles will not last long, and it is argued in govern-

COAL COMPANIES HAVE NOT YET MADE UP MINDS

OTHERS COME THROUGH WITH OCCUPATION TAX.

Some Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars Paid Into the State Treasury First of the Week By Half-Dozens Corporations Who Abide By Judge Johnson's Recent Decision.

Abandoning all hope of the occupational tax law being declared unconstitutional, nine Utah mining companies last Monday paid the amounts assessed against them under it, totaling \$1,000,000. Others have since liquidated until the payments are now close to eight hundred thousand dollars. The decision to pay the tax followed numerous conferences of mining men, which have been held within the past few days. As a result practically all the metalliferous mines of the state concurred. Those corporations which paid did so without protest, which means that, even should an appeal be taken from the federal district court decision upholding the constitutionality of the law they will not benefit from any favorable decision which might be obtained from a higher court.

So far as the metalliferous mines are concerned no appeal is to be taken from the federal district court decision and it is considered unlikely that any one company will appeal. No action has yet been taken by the coal mining companies. While their interest in the case is not as heavy as was that of the metal companies, they would pay to the state more than \$100,000 should they decide not to contest the case further. No announcement has yet been made of their intentions, nor have they paid the tax assessed against them under the law. The temporary injunction issued, when the suit of the metal companies was filed, will hold during the time allowed for perfection of an appeal, making the property of the companies which have not paid the tax safe from sale for sums greater than the amount of the tax.

Payment of the tax by the companies most heavily interested in contesting the constitutionality of the law came as a surprise in state financial circles, as the general impression had been that the case would be carried by those companies to the supreme court of the United States. The amounts were paid under what is known as the occupational tax law, a statute prescribing that mining companies shall pay taxes, not only on the physical valuation of their property, but on a submultiple of their net proceeds. The claim of the mining companies that the law was unconstitutional was based on the contention that it constituted double taxation, as it constituted double taxation, it was a violation of the fourteenth amendment to the federal constitution in that it was discriminatory, that it violated the mining laws of the United States, and violated the interstate commerce law in that it placed a tax on commodities intended for interstate commerce.

Payment of the tax is expected to relieve to a considerable extent the financial situation in numerous school districts throughout the state. Under the law the bulk of the taxes collected from it will go into the school fund. Many of the school districts, confronted with the problem of financing increased salaries for teachers, housing rapidly growing school populations and meeting constantly mounting operating costs, had arranged their budgets for the current year on the assumption that they would receive considerable sums from the tax on the net proceeds of mines. Many of them faced a possible shortcoming of the school year in case the taxes were not paid.

PIONEER JAMES JEFFS IS SUMMONED VERY SUDDENLY

James Jeffs, one of the first pioneers of Emery county, was buried from his home at Castle Dale last Saturday following his death the previous Thursday. Heart trouble is given as the immediate cause. Jeffs was 61 years of age and had been a resident of Castle Dale since 1881, taking a leading part in the development of that section ever since his arrival. He had been a heavy landowner until a few years ago, but had gradually disposed of some of his larger holdings as he advanced in years. He had always tried to keep abreast of the times, however, and completed one of the finest sites in the country two years ago and had the erection of another in mind when he suffered a severe injury to his foot last summer, the accident laying him up for some time and laying him permanently lame. A widow and a large family comprise his all but three of the children being married.

Cost of living increased 46 per cent in the year 1918 as compared with 1916 in Uintah Basin, says Maylon's Free Press. Wages during that time increased 60 per cent. A survey has been prepared by Supervisor Anderson of the forestry office in which the increase in various articles of food and clothing are noted and wages of all labor cited.

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